

DRAFT RSET ISSUE PAPER #27 – Disposal Site Issues

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QUESTION/ISSUE: Disposal Site Issues. How do sampling requirements differ for different disposal options? Are there efficiencies to be gained by identifying additional sampling that might be conducted in conjunction with the sampling for evaluating unconfined disposal to assess these other options concurrently? How do parties needing to dredge identify likely disposal sites? What are the currently available unconfined sites, confined sites?

DISCUSSION: If dredged material does not meet the criteria for unconfined aquatic disposal, the procedures for assessing other disposal options are not currently specified in the DMEF. It is unclear how unconfined or confined aquatic disposal sites are established or how suitable upland disposal sites are identified..

The DMEF provides a process for evaluating if dredge material can be disposed of in an unconfined aquatic disposal site. It does not describe how unconfined aquatic disposal sites are identified. It does not provide sampling requirements for determining if other disposal options are appropriate or what engineering and institutional controls may be warranted for these other options.

REFERENCES: DMEF 1998, Upland Testing manual.

RECOMMENDATION: Specific text and table revision to appropriate sections of DMEF.

PROPOSED LANGUAGE CHANGES: None yet.

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